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EXPLOSION KILLS FOUR

Three Others Seriously Injured at Frisco

FIRE AFTER EXPLOSION

Police Think Dynamite Was Used—Cause of Crime Still a Mystery

LOSS TO BUILDING \$30,000

One of the Men Involved in Fight the Night Before in Saloon Beneath the Building, Thought to be Author of Crime.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 29.—A serious explosion followed by a fire at an early hour today at Diamond and Cheney streets, caused the death of four persons, seriously injured three others and completely destroyed the buildings. Loss, \$30,000.

The explosion took place in a building occupied by John Sweeney and S. F. Johnson. Sweeney and a family named Dismeyer lived in the flats above. All victims were in bed at the time.

Elder Sweeney, his wife and daughter and little Antone Dismeyer were killed instantly. Antone was a baby two years old and was blown through a window and found in a tree. The cause of the explosion as well as the motive for crime is unknown. There are theories that the coal oil in the grocery below or a leak in gas main wrecked the structures proved untenable and now the belief of the police is that dynamite was used.

Johnson, who keeps a saloon in the building, says there was a fight in his saloon last night and that some one was involved in the trouble was the author of the outrage. The fact that a man named T. J. Gallagher held a lease on the premises lead to a rumor that the building belonged to former Supervisor J. L. Gallagher, whose place was recently dynamited in Oakland. The former supervisor has a brother of the same initials as Gallagher, who owns a lease on the place blown up today and Detective Burns believes that the perpetrator of the outrage may have confused the men. This is admitted to be merely a surmise however.

CHICAGO'S FOURTH.

Will Attempt to Reduce Accidents—Extra Police Detailed.

CHICAGO, June 29.—"The sanest Fourth in the history of Chicago will be the characterization earned for itself by the coming holiday. The police and the fire department are to join hands in a determined fight to reduce accidents, noise and fires to the lowest possible level. Strict enforcement of the city ordinance governing the sale of fireworks and explosive is to be made this year than ever before. The firing of cannons, guns or pistols is prohibited, as the discharge of toy pistols and common fire crackers. Railways and back yards must not be used for the celebration as the discharge of any kind of fireworks of explosives is forbidden in such places.

Vacant lots the streets and public parks and grounds are the places designated for the noise makers to hold sway. Bonfires are absolutely prohibited. The discharge of fireworks or explosives is forbidden within two blocks of a hospital. Extra police are to be detailed for service in the neighborhood of hospitals, sanitariums and residences where there are sick persons.

BASEBALL GAMES.

American League.
At Philadelphia—Philadelphia 4, Washington 0.
At New York—New York 1, Boston 4.

National League.
At Cincinnati—Cincinnati 7, Chicago 3.
At St. Louis—No game; rain.
At Boston—Boston 2, Philadelphia 9.
At Brooklyn—Brooklyn 11, New York 7.

WHEELED INTO COURT.

Ex-Senator to Testify in Case of Mae C. Wood.

NEW YORK, June 29.—Ex-Senator Platt was wheeled in a chair into the grand jury room in the criminal courts building today to testify in case of Mae C. Wood, charged with perjury, her suit for alleged divorce from the senator, which collapsed several weeks ago. No action was taken by the grand jury today.

THAW NOT DANGEROUS.

Judge Dowling Denies That Thaw Asked for Removal on That Ground.

NEW YORK, June 29.—Judge Dowling, who presided at Harry Thaw's second trial denied Thaw's application for removal from Matetan to some other institution, on the ground that Thaw is a dangerous person, and must be kept under restraint so as not to injure himself or any other person. White Plains, Justice Mills heard arguments on Thaw's application for a jury trial to examine his sanity.

Unlike Dowling Mills appears to be favorable to the trial by jury. He will hear further arguments in the case on July 13.

HITS THE CHURCHES

California Unitarian Preacher Leaves His Pulpit Forever

SAYS CHURCH CANNOT LAST

Astounds His Congregation by Declaring That Present Day Theology is Lacking and Predicts Its Ultimate Extinguishment.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 28.—Bidding adieu to his church and the ministry, the Rev. E. Calvert Smoot of the Second Unitarian Church, astounded his congregation yesterday by an arraignment of the present-day theology, in which he found the church lacking and predicted its final extinguishment owing to its inability to keep pace with the evolution going on about it. It was the extreme of his extreme doctrines which has led to the sundering of his connections with the Unitarian organization.

With the departure of the Rev. Mr. Smoot the Second Unitarian Church is to disband.

"The church is founded upon certain set ideas and its ministers are expected to promulgate these ideas. When a minister reaches any conclusions which are subversive to these ideas he is expected to leave the pulpit. This is true of all denominations," said Rev. Dr. Smoot to his congregation, in explaining his action.

BLOW SAFE AT KELSO.

Robbers Wake Escape Before Citizens Could Interfere—Get \$400.

PORTLAND, June 29.—A special to the Oregonian from Kelso, Wash., received tonight, says that robbers blew up a safe at Kelso early Sunday morning and secured \$400 in cash and escaped to the woods before the citizens who were attracted to the scene by the noise of explosion could interfere. The explosion demolished the steel safe and did \$75 damage to the office fixtures owned by Postmaster Ely. So far no clew has been obtained. Nothing but the money was taken.

TAFT SPENDS BUSY DAY

His Diversified Abilities Well Illustrated

CHAIRMAN A MYSTERY

Interview With Hitchcock—Both Decline to Discuss Chairmanship Question

ARTHUR VORYS MENTIONED

Taft Easily Combines Official Duties With Politics—Authorizes Delegation to Wire Vorys to Come to Washington For Conference.

WASHINGTON, June 29.—Secretary Taft today successfully combined official duties with politics. His diversified abilities never had been better illustrated than had from 11 o'clock until 6 o'clock tonight. At intervals during the day he discussed the most intricate problems arising in the war department and conferred with his political friends and advisers respecting the most delicate affairs of the approaching campaign. Most important by far of all conferences of the day was the one which the delegation from his own state who came to urge the name of Arthur Vorys for the National chairman. At the conclusion of the conference although Taft did not indicate what his conclusions were, he authorized the delegation to wire Vorys to come to Washington for a conference Wednesday.

Frank H. Hitchcock arrived in Washington today, but Taft is non-committal on the subject whether he had an interview with Hitchcock.

Hitchcock declined to discuss for publication the national chairmanship question. Every effort was made today to learn something definite regarding the choice of national chairman, but Taft himself made the announcement that the matter will be determined when the subcommittee of national committee and Taft hold meeting at Hot Springs on July 8th and not before.

46TH ANNUAL CONVENTION.

Of the National Educational Association is a Big Success.

CLEVELAND, June 29.—The largest and most varied program in the history of the National Educational Association marked the opening of the 46th annual convention here today. Active delegates met this afternoon and selected the candidates for the nominating committee which will on Wednesday to nominate the board of directors for the ensuing year.

POISONING PROMISES TO UNVEIL SENSATIONAL MURDER

PHILADELPHIA, June 29.—The death of Dr. Wm. H. Wilson, from drinking ale poisoned with cyanide potassium Friday night, promises to lay bare an extremely sensational murder. Wilson received the ale by express tonight with a typewritten letter purporting to come from the Peter Schiemm Brewing Co., informing him that the sample had been sent him for trial. An investigation by the police reveals that Schiemm brews no ale and never sent such a letter. Unusual as are the poisoning features, still more extraordinary is the motive, which the police assign for what they are certain is murder.

UPRISING IN HAND.

Troops Soon Straighten Out the Troubles in the South.

EL PASO, Texas, June 29.—According to information from a reliable source, official advices has been received in Juarez that the 2500 federal troops that were sent to Torreon have taken to the field in an effort to surround the parties believed to be responsible for the attacks on Viesca and Matamoros.

Juarez officials are positive that the revolution has been squelched by the prompt despatch of troops. They declare the last of the revolutionists will be taken within ten days and the government will be able to keep the situation well in hand.

MEXICO CITY, June 29.—Up to tonight no news of any sort has been received indicating a repetition of disorders, similar to those at Viesca and Las Vacas. On the contrary reports were absolutely quiet in that region. Through private sources it was ascertained that the sensational reports in circulation throughout the United States are false. No assault on Jimenez and Torreon has been made and both plans are as quiet as any well organized place in the United States.

AERODROME FLIES WELL

HAMMONDSPORT, N. J. June 29.—Two successful flights were made Saturday by G. H. Curtiss in further tests of the Aerodrome "June Bug" at the Aerial Experiment Association grounds here. In the first the navigator traveled with his machine 400 yards in 24 seconds and on the next attempt 540 yards in 33 seconds, at the rate of 34 and 3 miles respectively. The flight proved all that had been expected, placing the machine under better control than ever.

WRECK KILLS THREE

Santa Fe's First Overland Train Strikes an Open Gap

30 SAID TO BE INJURED

The Gap in Track Caused by Burning Bridge Which is Thought to Have Caught Fire From a Passing Engine.

WINSLOW, Ark., June 29.—Two trainmen and a passenger killed, score of persons more or less injured and a portion of the California limited, Santa Fe's first overland train, derailed and wrecked last night when the train running at 50 miles an hour, struck a wide gap in the track caused by a burning bridge near Heardy, 12 miles east of here. The best information is that 30 are injured, but only a dozen seriously. Pullman's did not leave the track. The bridge which caused the wreck is believed to have caught fire from a passing engine.

DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION

Vice-Presidential Situation Remains Unchanged

CHAMBERLAIN ARRIVES

The Governor of Oregon Said to Be Personally Acceptable to Bryan

PROHIBITION TO THE FRONT

A Desperate Effort to Have Plank Declaring Its Favor Placed in Platform—Opinions Differ as to Its Exact Nature However.

DENVER, June 29.—The fight over the anti-injunction plank in the Democratic platform is not the only struggle in which the committee on resolutions may possibly find itself. It developed today that the prohibition question is to be brought forward and that a desperate effort will be made to have the plank declaring in its favor to be placed in platform. General Weaver is heading this movement. The opinion differs as to exact nature of the plank which should be adopted but all are of one mind that something definite shall be declared, so there will not be left a possibility of doubt as to where the party stands. It is not generally believed that any anti-injunction plank will provide for trial by the jury in the cases of contempt, committed in the presence of the court or favor in any way prerogatives of the federal courts. Bryan's friends say that these of his critics who fear the plank are fighting in the air. The vice-presidential situation remains to all appearance unchanged although the boom of Lieutenant-Governor Chanler seems to have weakened somewhat during the last two days. This is due to the announcement of National Committeeman Mack that he is not empowered to speak for Chanler and his interest in the matter dictated by friendship. One new name mentioned today was Governor Chamberlain of Oregon, he found much favor with the leaders of the party and it is said he will be personally acceptable to Bryan.

AUXILIARIES LEAVE

SAN FRANCISCO, June 29.—Two of the auxiliaries of the Atlantic battleship fleet left this port yesterday afternoon on the first leg to Honolulu of the long trip to Hampton Roads. They were the Glacier, refrigerator supply ship and Culgoa, supply ship. Others will follow in couples. The Arctusa and Ajax being scheduled to leave late this afternoon. The battleship Kentucky arrived here late yesterday and is now in Man of War Row.

POLICE RAID CLUB.

OSTEND, June 29.—A sensation has been caused here by a police raid on a fashionable club under the anti-gambling laws when 150 persons who were taken into custody. The doors were sealed up and \$10,000 in stakes was seized. A similar action was taken at another club.

TRIBESMEN FIGHT

MOROCCO, City June 29.—The El Mougui tribesmen, following up their advantage of June 21, when they attacked and routed a column of Malai Hafid's force, killing 100 men of them and injuring 150 has again defeated the followers of the unsurprising sultan, killing three of his chiefs.

NOT FOR CHAMBERLAIN.

Ryan Does Not Think Oregonians Will Support Him.

PORTLAND, June 29.—Secretary Ryan of Democratic state central committee says there is no intention so far as he is aware among the Oregon delegation to the national democratic convention at Denver to put forward the name of Governor Geo. E. Chamberlain of Oregon the popular nominee for the United States Senate, from this state for the vice-presidential nomination. Ryan says he believes Oregon delegates will support Lieutenant-Governor Chanler of New York for that office, though it is possible that one or two will cast their votes for John W. Kern, of Indiana.

BISHOP POTTER ILL.

Troubled With Stomach Trouble and Physicians Think Its Serious.

COOPERTOWN, N. Y., June 29.—Bishop Potter of New York is regarded by physicians to be in a critical state of health. Bishop has been ill for some time with stomach trouble. Tonight one physician issued a bulletin that the bishop is prostrated from hot weather and is in a very critical condition. Late tonight it is stated oxygen is being administered.

INTO YANKEE COLONY

VALPARAISO, June 29.—August Durand, leader in the recent unsuccessful revolution against Peru, has arrived here from Iquique, Chile. He says the Peruvian government is misleading foreign opinion; that the last elections in that country were falsified and that the government is introducing into Peru a germ of the greatest danger by converting that country into a Yankee colony.

JACKIES THE JUDGE

Will Determine Grade of Chewing Tobacco for Navy

100,000 POUNDS A YEAR

A Force of Blue Jackets Detailed From Various Ships, Will Act as Experts to Determine Who Shall Receive the Contract.

NEW YORK, June 29.—To determine which of a great variety of chewing tobacco will serve the needs of the U. S. jack tars for the next year a board of paymasters will begin to-day at the Brooklyn Navy Yard a solemn conclave to last a week. A force of blue jackets detailed from the several ships at the yard will act as experts.

On the result of the tests will rest the award of a contract for 100,000 pounds of tobacco. That no chicanery may creep in the samples will be freed from identification marks save numbers before admitted to maceration by the testers.

Although the rules governing competition do not require segregation of the several judges, it is prescribed that the chewing arbiters shall proceed with their work in silence. The paymasters, speaking figuratively, will also take a hand in the chewing, in addition to supervising chemical and other tests of the purity of the samples but the greatest weight will rest with the patriotic judgement of Jack Tar.

WILL PRESENT ORGANS.

Y. M. C. A. Will Donate Musical Instruments to the Battleships.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 29.—Each of the battleships of the Atlantic fleet will be presented soon with a portable organ by the Y. M. C. A. of Los Angeles. The presentation will be made by Edward H. Emmett, religious work director of that organization, who will hold meetings on the battleships. The need for the organs was first observed by the Y. M. C. A. when its members started a religious campaign on board the vessels during the visit of the fleet recently to Los Angeles.